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## July 4th - Come to Keytesville - July 4th

**Big Premium List - Fine Band - People From Everywhere Will Be Here - \$300 In Cash Will Be Given Away - Tickets for the Drawing Will be Given on Account or for Goods Bought up to and Including July 3rd.**

**Be Sure to List Your Tickets. You May Lose if You Fail to Do So. 3 Minutes Only for You to Produce Your Ticket After Number is Called. The Only Event of the Kind Ever in the County. Somebody Is Going to Get the Cash. Come and See Who. It May Be YOU.**

### A Forger at Work

Silvey Littrell, who is in charge of the big Jack Dorrance farm west of this city and the stock raising and shipping for the firm of Wilcox and Littrell, discovered recently that some one had been getting money from the firms account with the Mechanics bank at Moberly, by means of forged checks. Amounts aggregating about \$1000 have been secured and the forgeries going on for some time, it is alleged.

The checks were drawn as near like those given by Littrell as they could have well been made, the kind and number of head of stock and weights, the firm name of Wilcox & Littrell by Silvey Littrell appearing on each check and such good imitation of the genuine as to deceive any but an expert. The name of the payee was forged on the back of the checks, and they were cashed at the banks here and by merchants in Brunswick.

There is no positive clue as to the guilty one, but Mr. Littrell will lose no time in trying to establish his identity. This firm has been big liberal buyers of stock for several years, and their margins of profit, as in the case of all shippers, has been too small to stand such drains and yet be healthy.

We sincerely hope the gentlemen may detect the robber with little expense and loss of time, and if possible, recover their money.

### Keytesville Telephone Exchange Sold.

E. M. Carter and sons, our up-to-date and very popular telephone exchange owners have sold their Keytesville system and will give possession to the Salisbury Telephone Co. the purchasers, July 1.

Mr. Carter and his sons Claud and Paul have built up a splendid system, given the best of service and by their constant personal attention to their property and patrons, have become very popular with all. No young men stand higher in the business world in this county, and justly so, than Claud and Paul Carter, and while we regret to lose them all as citizens, for the family will move to a new location later on, we commend them to the people among whom they may hereafter live, in the highest terms.

Mrs. Jno. Bushnell of north of town who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. H. McAnnally of Kahoko, Mo. for the last few weeks returned home last Monday. Mrs. Bushnell said while there she and her daughter gathered about 72 gallons of strawberries from four rows seventy feet long and sold all they did not keep for themselves at forty cents a gallon.

Dr. A. C. Seiser and son Edwin will leave Saturday for Keokuk, Iowa to join his wife and family. Dr. Seiser will return Monday.

### Fire and Smoke

Monday night about 10 o'clock an alarm of fire was heard, and the bucket brigade responded promptly minus buckets but determined to see that the old and elegant residence built by Jeff Moorman in the early '70's should not so disappear. The big and imposing dwelling, the property of Wm. C. Gaston, until a short time ago one of our leading business men, and where among the handsomest family of girls in the County were reared, was occupied by Dr. Leftwich until a month ago, but since that family moved to Kansas, by Dr. Shopshir in charge of the premises and custodian of the household effects belonging to Dr. Leftwich. Mrs. Dr. Leftwich came a few days before the fire to pack up and ship the goods, and had most of the stuff ready to ship. Dr. Shopshir having secured quarters at the exclusive boarding house of Mrs. W. G. Agee and had moved a part of his belongings.

When 15 or 20 fire chiefs reached the scene, smoke filled the house but no blaze was discernable. Breaking an upper window from the front porch, smoke poured forth as from a brick kiln. A hole was cut in the roof then thru the ceiling and the fire fighters again repulsed. The chemical engines with 3 hand grenades got busy under the directions of an army of bystanders which gave plenty of orders. In the mean time the salvage corps in charge of willing hands got out most of the furniture from the lower rooms and considerable of the smoke having escaped from above, all except the northeast room where the fire was confined, was quickly emptied. Such heavy articles as the piano, book cases filled, ranges etc. were handled by light weights Jno. Bayne Cock and Eddie Keeting as if they had been strawticks. All the goods were placed in the yard and guarded over night. Dr. Shopshir's automobile was in a building near the dwelling and he was up town when the alarm sounded. He qualified for the fat mans race here on the fourth.

The origin of the fire is a mystery but whatever started it, a few moments more and the ever willing firefighters and salvage corps would have been powerless to save anything. A very strange circumstance is that at no time was there a blaze visible, but the door leading to the northeast room which was wide open, and the door to the closet, which was open, and the interior of the closet were charred practically thru. The fire seems to have started between these two doors and just outside the closet. The clothing of Mrs. Dr. Leftwich was in the closet and was ruined tho not burnt. Much damage was done to the house in the haste and unorganized condition of the volunteer department, but such cannot be

helped and the thanks of the community is always showered on the kind efforts of all.

Damage covered by insurance except on Dr. Shopshir's effects.

### Harris-Dowell

Monroe Harris was married to Miss Dovie Dowell at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dowell of Hamden Wednesday June 19 by Rev. Jas. Hise.

Mr. Harris was formerly of Salisbury and a highly esteemed young man who is now employed in machine shops at Moberly and in which city he has converted his bachelor apartments into a pretty domicile for his bride.

Mrs. Monroe Harris is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dowell, prominent in farm and social circles in their neighborhood, and is a young woman, handsome, accomplished and of a charming domestic character, well versed in the art of house keeping which makes a home a desirable place above all others for a man.

Miss Melva Dowell and Curtis Green were the attendants and in addition there was a large crowd of friends of the bride and groom who discussed a splendid 7 o'clock dinner, specially prepared by the bride, and her sister as a sample of what he might expect as long as hubby evinced satisfaction with her cooking.

The wedding cake being cut and passed around Miss Edythe Porter secured the ring and Henry Dowell, both of Marceline got the darned needle.

Miss Dovie Dowell was a teacher and was also the highest eighth grade graduate in the county two years ago.

The Courier extends congratulations and best wishes.

### Obituaries

Mrs. Mary Littrell, wife of Adam Littrell to whom she was married in 1858 died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jno. Caswell June 13 1912.

Mrs. Littrell was born in Carroll County, Mo., August 27, 1840 and was the mother of ten children five of whom survive: Mrs. Cooper Lawrence, Mrs. Cal McQueen, Mrs. Jno. McCluhan and Miss Ada Littrell.

She was laid to rest in Jackson cemetery, Rev. J. D. Powell conducting impressive funeral ceremonies.

Mrs. M. O. Hazelwood aged 85 years 2 months and 26 days died at the home of her son-in-law I. B. Wiseman near Berryville, Arkansas June 22 1912 and was buried at Farmer graveyard in that vicinity June 23, services being held by Rev. W. D. Witty. We have no further particulars of the life and death of this good old lady. Brunswicker please copy.

Dr. Clapp of Moberly was in town last Sunday.

### Cowherds Tour of the County

Last Friday, starting about on schedule but forced on account of roads not permitting time to be made as advertised to cancel many of his dates, Hon. W. S. Cowherd, candidate for Governor, spoke to good sized audiences, considering everything, at Prairie Hill, Rothville, Mendon, Sumner, Triplett, Brunswick, Dalton, Aholt, Forrest Green, Shannondale, Keytesville and Salisbury.

Mr. Cowherd is a big, clean, able man and a forceful speaker. He would if circumstances were such that he could be elected in case he obtained the nomination, undoubtedly make a good, safe and sane governor and under the circumstances many of his greatest admirers and warmest friends regret that he was induced to enter the race after it seemed so well understood he would not become a candidate.

No cleaner, wholehearted, honest nor more admirable presentation of his candidacy was ever presented to our people than that made all thru this county by the distinguished gentleman. He based his claim to consideration practically on his former defeat for governor and what had been accorded to two or three candidates for state offices when they suffered defeat - i.e. another nomination without opposition. It is true that in a few instances candidates who went down in the political landslide had no opposition, but with the disorganized condition of the Democratic party in the state, few were disposed to accept uncontested nominations and incur campaign expenses in view of slim prospects of winning.

As stated before by the Courier, there are four most excellent gentlemen before Missouri Democrats seeking the nomination, either one of three of them sure to win if nominated and put the state securely back in the Democratic column. With a candidate for president who under no circumstances can afford to lose Missouri, and a splendid outlook for complete and eternal elimination of Hadleyism from the state in which an army of Republicans have suffered by his acts on the State Board of Equalization as well as highhanded and exceedingly offensive manner of bossing his party and in numberless other particulars, Democrats should be unusually careful in making this nomination. So thoroughly does Mr. Cowherd appreciate the importance of this, that he fearlessly and frankly told his audiences in this county that if they believed another than himself would be stronger as the nominee of the party, to by all means vote for that man and leave him entirely out of consideration, avowing that he would prefer the success of the party above the realization of his ambition and further

## Democratic Convention

**Judge Alton B. Parker Named Temporary Chairman -- William J. Bryan Loses in the Temporary Chairmanship Fight, But Gains Other Demands.**

At 9 o'clock last night Bryan was arguing a motion which provided that no candidate backed by special interest should be considered by the Convention. No nomination up to this time.

The Democratic National Convention at Baltimore, which will name the next President of the United States, is, taking all together, progressing as the party would have it.

Wm. J. Bryan objected to Alton B. Parker for temporary chairmanship, and failing at the last moment to secure a progressive to stand against him before the Convention after failing to induce the National Committee to name the man for the place suggested by Clark and Wilson, permitted his own name to be used and was defeated by only 68. The chairmanship of the platform committee was offered to Mr. Bryan, but he refused because he feared the majority of the committee might prove antagonistic to his views. At his suggestion, Senator Kern of Indiana was named.

Bryan was sustained in his contention for the defeat of the unit rule, by which delegates in the minority in each delegation could vote for their choice. He also secured the passing of the making of a platform until nomination for President had been made, claiming it better and easier to make a platform to fit the nominee than to look for a man who would ex-

actly fit a platform. Clarks managers, Hon. D. R. Francis, Joseph W. Folk, E. F. Goltra and Wm. J. Stone have, in thorough accord with the Missouri delegation, gained much in Clarks favor. The Missouri delegation voted 22 for Parker and 14 for Bryan for temporary chairman, believing it better politics to divide the delegation thus than to vote solid for Clarks most influential friend, W. J. Bryan or to sustain the action of the National Committee by a solid vote. Wilson delegates played the same kind of hand, so Mr. Bryan cannot complain more at one than the other. It is evident to every one in Baltimore from his actions that Bryan will support Clark first and failing to secure his nomination, will throw his irresistible force in favor of Wilson, therefore it is safe to say that either Clark or Wilson will be the nominee of the convention consequently President on next March 4.

As in attendance on the Chicago convention, so at Baltimore there are numbers of suffragettes, but not half so many. The womens anti-suffragette organizations had distinguished representatives at Chicago who kept the suffragettes guessing, and were accorded courtesies denied by Republican's to any of those seeking recognition in the convention, tho for many years the party has flirted with woman suffrage and prohibition.

that he could easily get along without this or any other gift of the people.

Mr. Cowherds speech here was well received notwithstanding the fact that most of the applause came from the automobile party which accompanied him, and a larger crowd was out than his partisans had hoped to see, tho but a few voters from the country on account of farm work. The Logan Concert Band of this city was employed to make music and attracted a large crowd of women and children, the major portion of the audience.

Gilbert Lamb transacted legal business here this week.

### New Suits

W. D. Vaughan vs A. W. Hise suit on note.  
Mary J. Wilson vs Geo. W. Bailey et al set aside deed.  
M. R. Gromer et al vs unknown hrs Hiram Calhoun et al quiet title.  
Bank of Mendon vs A. J. Mell replevin.  
Jno. Kelly vs unknown widow of Enoch Rice et al quiet title.  
A. P. Westlake vs J. C. Gromer attachment.  
Jno. R. Lee vs Frederick A. Delano damages.  
A. D. Hurt vs do damages.  
Walter E. Hyde vs R. S. Hyde injunction.